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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed
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- ☒ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
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Drawings, Sheets

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	8
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-8
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1 Reference is made to the following document:
D1: US 2003 019 255 A1

2 Claims 1-7

- 2.1 The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses a method according to the preamble of claim 1.

The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from this known method in that said end part of the fur is fixed on the pelting board by winding with a winding material such as a band.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as providing a method for securing a fur on a pelting board allowing easy fixing of the fur without reducing its quality.

None of the available prior art documents discloses fixing the fur on a pelting board by winding with a winding material. Therefore, claim 1 appears to satisfy the requirements of Article 33 PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step.

- 2.2 The same reasoning applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject-matter of the corresponding independent claim 2, which therefore is also considered new and inventive.
- 2.3 Dependent claims 3-7 add further features to the independent claim 2 and as such they also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

3 Claim 8

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- 3.1 The subject-matter of the independent claim 8 relates to "a winding material for use in the method according to claim 1 and apparatus according to claims 2-7." This formulation can not be seen as a restriction of the scope of this claim, because the winding material simply has to be suitable for use in the method and in the corresponding apparatus (cf. PCT Guidelines 5.23). The factual subject-matter of claim 8 is therefore "elastic band-shaped winding material having the ability to lock to itself in stretched out condition."
- 3.2 The scope of protection of claim 8 goes far beyond the content of the description, where practically no information is given about the properties of the winding material or its manufacturing method. Furthermore, the winding material is only described as means for fixing a fur on a pelting board, and no other possible use whatsoever is given. As a consequence, claim 8 is not fully supported by the description and therefore the present application does not fulfil the requirements of Article 6 PCT (cf. also PCT Guidelines 5.43, 5.44).
- 3.3 Furthermore, the above-mentioned lack of support notwithstanding, the subject-matter of claim 8 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT, and therefore the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT are not met. The subject-matter of claim 8 relates to a winding material which is commonly known from everyday life. Elastic band-shaped and stretchable tapes having locking or fixing means comprising adhesive or being based on a self-vulcanizing effect are in common use practically everywhere. The lack of novelty of such a winding material is thus evident.
